

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.3174 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-877 Year-2024 Thana- SONEPUR District- Saran

CHHOTU RAI @ CHHOTU KUMAR S/O DIPAK RAI R/o vill - Sabalpur
Pachhiyari Tola, P.S.- Sonpur, Distt.- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ganesh Prasad Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Akshay Lal Pandit

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 07-02-2025 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the
Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has antecedent of four cases and allegation is of
recovery of 535.6 litres of liquor from a Mahindra car, 501.12
litres of liquor from another Mahindra vehicle and 172.8 litres
of liquor from a hut.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and is not the owner of
any of the seized vehicles nor the hut belongs to him and he



came to implicated at the instance of *Chowkidar*. It is next submitted that if *Chowkidar* was aware about the involvement of the petitioner in the occurrence then why he did not inform the police prior to institution of the instant FIR, which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution. It is also submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise, the Police starts implicating mechanically.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned trial court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on **Provisional anticipatory bail** on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned trial court where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Sonpur P.S. Case No. 877 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned Trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than four cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall



not be confirmed, but after verification, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of four cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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